

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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Monday, April 25, 2011

Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell (Chair), John Bento and Diana Campbell (6:32)

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Karen Lynch (6:32), Marjorie McBride, John Saviano (6:32), Paul Silva (6:32), Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade (6:34), Pauline Silva and George Simmons (6:35)

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Disposal of Old Bus

Pauline explained three offers were received for the old bus, which is no longer road worthy because of EPA emissions standards. One of the bidders wanted it as a training tool for volunteer firemen; neither fire chief was in favor of this. The highest bidder wishes to use the

bus for storage on his farm in Tiverton.

MOTION: John Bento motioned to award the bid for the old bus to Fred Sousa of Tiverton for a fee of \$670. Bill O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

The Bristol Warren name will be removed from the side by maintenance and Mr. Sousa will have the bus towed to Tiverton.

5-Year Asset Protection Plan

Pauline distributed the Asset Protection Plan document that was submitted to RIDE today with the caveat of approval by the full Committee at tonight's meeting. New regulations require submission of plans in the form of "packages"; housing aid reimbursement is not issued until an entire package is completed; nine packages were identified.

At 6:32 PM Diana Campbell, Karen Lynch, John Saviano and Paul Silva joined the meeting. Mario Andrade joined the meeting at 6:34 PM.

The only difference between the plan previously presented and discussed is the addition of the emergency work needed at the high school for ground erosion and a structurally compromised wall. 50% of the work must be completed for three years straight to receive the housing aid reimbursement. The reimbursement received for one year will be used to fund projects in the subsequent year.

Paul Silva has serious concerns about asking the teachers' union for contract concessions while at the same time voting to spend \$5M (half of the \$10M total) on projects.

Discussion followed about plans for air conditioning at Hugh Cole—

- School buildings are more and more being used throughout the summer**
- Rooftop AC units are more energy efficient than window units**
- Some time ago the Committee had talked about going out to bond for the AC work**
- In five or six years we may have to go out to bond to take care of the Bristol elementary students; no chance to pass if nothing in it for Warren**
- Delaying the Hugh Cole work holds the Warren children hostage**
- New regulations for PCBs are on the horizon**
- During the bond process, Bristol elementary was reduced by one track with the promise of a Phase II plan**
- Looking District-wide, considerable money has been spent at all the elementary schools and nothing on the Mary V Quirk Pavilion of Hugh Cole**
- Our professional obligation is to address code compliance projects first**
- If down the road we need another school in Bristol, we can perform another needs assessment and submit another necessity for construction**

John Bento and Karen Lynch suggested shifting the Hugh Cole work from year two to year four. Diana felt that would appear to punish Hugh Cole and suggested all elementary school work be moved to year four. John Saviano commented the cost of construction is still very reasonable and municipal construction continues. George said it does not make sense to address the ventilation in the Hugh Cole gym at one time and then add AC to the gym later on.

MOTION: Diana Campbell motioned to move forward with the 5 Year Asset Protection Plan as presented. John Bento seconded.

Pauline said the high school issues must be addressed in year one; the next big package is the boiler and then the fields; the elementary school work could be put into years three and four. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment

MOTION: At 6:50 PM Diana Campbell motioned to adjourn. John Bento seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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